

Appl. No. 10/727,872  
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Reply to Office Action of December 28, 2004

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

**Non-Statutory Double Patenting**

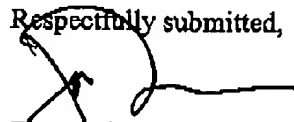
Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 35-39, 41-53 and 55-62 stand as rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,162. A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith disclaiming any term that extends beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,162. Since the filing of the terminal disclaimer overcomes the double-patenting rejections, it is respectfully believed that Claims 1-6 and 35-62 are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the disclaimer is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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